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We installed a 5.4kW PV Solar system this past May. This system will cover about 70% of our electrical usage with power production as low as 333-kWh in January and as high as 872-kWh in June. I have several issues with Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) claiming that somehow my solar energy production causes undue hardship on their company, on the power grid, and on other non-solar producing RMP customers.

RMP is asking that I pay an extra \$51.00 a year for the hardship they endure. \$51.00 will buy approximately 574-kWh of electricity from RMP. My system produces slightly more than that for the months of December and January combined. So in essence, RMP is asking that I donate all the energy I produce during those months. We already donate any over-production carried throughout the year at the end of March so I'm wondering, just how much of the energy I produce is RMP entitled to?

RMP also tries to claim that I'm simply using their grid as an emergency back-up and paying nothing for that service. I still purchase at least 30% of my power from RMP and I am sure most solar producing families still purchase energy. RMP has tried to paint an image that all residential solar installations cover 100% of family's needs; this simply is not true.

RMP also tries to claim that families that install residential solar to reduce their need to rely on the coal burning energy they supply are in a completely different arena than families that try to make their homes energy efficient. Again, simply not true. Most families that install solar are very conscious of their energy consumption and have also made their homes more energy efficient. If a home owner was able to reduce their historic consumption of energy by 70% with use of LED lighting and the most efficient air conditioner and appliances; would RMP come after them saying you don't buy enough electricity anymore, we need to charge you an extra fee each month.

RMP also claims that when my system over produces energy and it flows out onto the grid that their electrical hardware is over stressed and breaks down faster. Do they present any proof of this claim? And not theoretically in a testing lab on equipment, I'm talking with their installed equipment. Also, how did the few kWh I over produce not get used up immediately from my next door neighbor? Exactly where is this sensitive equipment I'm breaking and how did my kWh's find its way there.

Also lost in all of this is the quality of Utah air. RMP not only plays fast and loose with facts about residential solar it also shows no concern for our air quality. If you take all the concerns RMP has placed on the table (real or unreal) and weigh them against cleaner air, better health of Utah citizens, less reliance on fossil fuel. Why should we accept a new fee that will negatively impact the growth of residential solar in Utah?

Please deny RMP's request to place a fee on residential solar customers.

